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IN THE CLAIMS

1 1. (canceled)

1 2. (currently amended) ~~The sponge as defined in claim 1,~~  
2 A renewable sponge, comprising:  
3 a body;  
4 wherein said body comprises a non-abrasive layer;  
5 wherein said body comprises an abrasive layer;  
6 wherein said non-abrasive layer of said body overlies  
7 said abrasive layer of said body;  
8 wherein said non-abrasive layer of said body is attached  
9 to said abrasive layer of said body; and  
10 wherein each of said non-abrasive layer of said body and  
11 said abrasive layer of said body comprises a plurality  
12 of peel-off layers.

1 3. (original) The sponge as defined in claim 2, wherein  
2 said plurality of peel-off layers of said body are  
3 substantially separated from each other so as to allow  
4 each of said plurality of peel-off layers of said body  
5 to be peeled off when exhausted and expose a next peel-  
6 off layer of said body so as to renew said renewable  
7 sponge.

1 4. (original) The sponge as defined in claim 2, wherein  
2 said plurality of peel-off layers of said body are  
3 substantially separated from each other by strategically  
4 positioned slits.

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- 1       5. (original) The sponge as defined in claim 4, wherein  
2            said strategically positioned slits in said body extend  
3            between adjacent ones of said plurality of peel-off  
4            layers of said body.
  
- 1        6. (original) The sponge as defined in claim 4, wherein  
2            said strategically positioned slits in said body extend  
3            completely across said body, from one side of said body  
4            to the other side of said body.
  
- 1        7. (original) The sponge as defined in claim 6, wherein  
2            said strategically positioned slits in said body that are  
3            between adjacent layers of said plurality of peel-off  
4            layers of said body are separated from each other by non-  
5            slitted portions of said body.
  
- 1        8. (original) The sponge as defined in claim 7, wherein  
2            said non-slitted portions of said body are visible from  
3            said one side of said body and said other side of said  
4            body since said strategically positioned slits in said  
5            body extend completely across said body, from said one  
6            side of said body to said other side of said body.

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